

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 1999-506-W/S - ORDER NO. 2000-0045

JANUARY 12, 2000

IN RE: Application of Goat Island Water & Sewer Company, Inc. for Approval of Water and Sewer Tap Fees.)))	ORDER DENYING REQUEST
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Goat Island Water & Sewer Company, Inc. for a waiver of the notice and hearing requirements of S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-5-240 (Supp. 1999) of the Company's Application for water and sewer tap fees. We note that Section 58-5-240 (B) calls for "notice to the public such as the Commission shall prescribe," and Section 58-5-240 (G) states that the Commission "may" allow rates or tariffs to be put into effect without a hearing upon Order of the Commission under certain conditions.

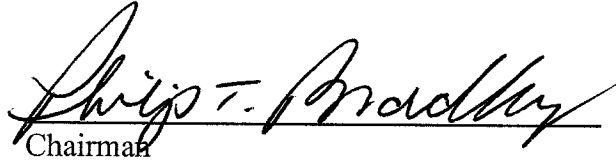
Whereas we agree that the notice and hearing provisions are somewhat discretionary when certain statutory conditions are fulfilled, we do not believe that we should waive these provisions under the circumstances of the present case. We take notice of the fact that there appears to be at least some public interest in this case. Accordingly, we believe and do hold that the matter shall be noticed as is customary in cases of this type, and, if intervention is received, a hearing shall be held. If no intervention is received, we will revisit the question of holding a hearing. In any event, the request for waiver of notice and hearing in this matter is denied at this time.

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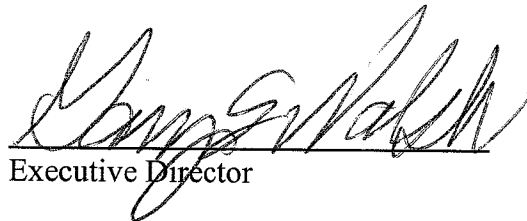
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This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the
Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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